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Jamieson, E. A. [pro-Secretary, Faculty of Medicine]

August 3rd, 1917.

Sir Robert Falconer,

President, University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President:-

We received at the Secretary's Office this morning a communication from Dr. J. W. Scane, Registrar of the Faculty of Medicine of McGill University, stating that Mr. Herbert Turney has made application to them for admission to their Fifth Year in Medicine and requesting that we as usual furnish them information as to his standing and character and asking also if there is any reason why he should not transfer.

I have written Dr. Scane full particulars with reference to Mr. Turney's academic work and standing, but am referring to you the request regarding a certificate of good character. We have known at the Secretary's Office that there was some question as to his ability to qualify for such a certificate, certain matters having been brought officially to our attention during the past months, so when the letter was received this morning I consulted Mr. Brebner and his advice was to refer the request to you. I have informed Dr. Scane that this has been done and that the matter is in your hands.

As you are no doubt aware, McGill University is also opening the Session in Medicine for the students of the Fifth Year on the 15th of August.

Yours faithfully,

E. A. Jamieson.

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August 9th, 1917.

Sir Robert Falconer,

President, University of Toronto,

Lake Vernon, Huntsville, Ontario.

Dear Mr. President:-

I am in receipt this morning of your communication with reference to Mr. Herbert Turney and may state that I used the term "official" in my former letter to differentiate between information we have had that was purely hearsay and information brought definitely to our attention.

One of the matters was a letter from a business firm, Brown Bros., calling our attention to an account Mr. Turney had owed for a very considerable period; he paid no attention to their repeated requests for payment, they had passed a Bank Draft upon him which was returned to them unsigned and as they had given him credit because he was a student in Medicine and the goods purchased were for College purposes they wrote to us regarding the matter, as they were quite convinced he had no intention of settling the account. Dr. Primrose immediately informed Mr. Turney that unless he settled the matter at once he would be obliged to report the facts to the Caput and when this action was threatened, Mr. Turney paid the account.

Then the trouble with the Bursar's Office of which you are no doubt aware, was also reported to us, as we were obliged to refuse Mr. Turney admission to the examinations until the matter was settled and other matters connected with indebtedness to the Bursar's Office were reported to us from time to time, such as failure to pay rent at the residence, printing account, etc.

Also, we had many telephone and other enquiries regarding the Varsity Supplement, relatives and friends of our students had subscribed and paid for copies and long after it was issued no copy had been forthcoming. No account was kept of the number of these calls, we always referred the people to the Varsity Office, but whether correctly or not, Mr. Turney was always associated with these complaints.

There have been other rumours regarding his connection with money matters at the University, but these were not brought to our attention in an official way and I have no proof that the statements were correct. But this I will say, that while so far as the Secretary's Office is concerned Mr. Turney is in good standing, he is not in good repute, for his attitude toward these matters as they arose could not but prejudice us in our opinion of his honour and it was for this reason that I consulted Mr. Brebner when Dr. Scane's letter was received and he did not feel that he could accept the responsibility either of giving the certificate requested, advising me to refer the matter to you.

I did not go into detail in my former letter because Mr. Brebner stated that you had all the facts in your possession and I thought it possible that the small matters reported to us would probably be overshadowed by your knowledge of other business transactions connected with Mr. Turney and the University of Toronto.

Yours faithfully,

E. R. Jamieson,

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August 11th, 1917.

Sir Robert Falconer,

President, University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President:-

I am in receipt this morning of your communication and in reply beg to state that Rollett Andrew Carson was a First Year student during Session 1915-1916; he enlisted toward Spring in the 67th Battery of the Canadian Field Artillery and was granted his examinations of the First Year under resolution of the Faculty Council covering such cases. His term work was good and while we do not know the First Year men at all well, I do recall that he was a bright-faced, gentlemanly student.

We have received many requests from our students similar to Mrs. Carson's, I have never troubled to send them on to you, but it so happens that a letter has just come in from Mr. W. H. Gray, also a First Year student, who has been on military service two years and eight months, twenty-one months in Belgium and France. He asks for a certificate from the University "recommending that the authorities grant him permission to return to complete his course in Medicine". Another student, eligible to enter the Third Year, Lieut. Carl E. Hill, wounded at Vimy Ridge, sent a cable while at the hospital in London asking for a certificate that he could finish his course in 24 months, if so he could return, but we were obliged to answer "three Sessions of eight months each" which made it impossible for him to secure the desired permission.

As there has been so talk about the need of medical men, we had Col. E. Stanley Ryerson enquire from Ottawa if there was any likelehood of

the authorities altering the ruling and allowing the men of the junior years to return, but he has not had any answer to his letter. I saw a letter from General Fotheringham this past week, sent to us by another parent endeavouring to secure the release of her son and he repeated the old ruling, i.e. that only students who have completed three years of work and can finish the course in Medicine in two years will be allowed to return to College. If, however, a special certificate from you will overcome this rule, then possibly I should refer to you for decision the cases as they come to us. There are so many requests and in some cases there seems to be real reason and need for these men to come home.

Just as I finished writing the above a Mrs. Bryan came to the Office about the return of her son and gave me the information that a Mr. D. M. Masson, a First Year man (really Third Year P & B) who had been in the same section as her son had arrived home. I immediately telephoned Mr. Masson and found that he had been in France in the C.F.A. when one day his C.O. came to him, stating that he had received a communication from the Adjutant-General's Office, ordering home all medical students. Mr. Masson had no application in, he simply received orders to report in England to proceed to Canada to complete his course in Medicine and he had only 12 hours notice. He told me also that another of our First Year students was on the boat with him, also an Artillery man.

I telephoned this information to Col. Ryerson and he says that it sounds like something new and quite official and he will immediately take up the matter with the D.G.M. at Ottawa so that we may know exactly where we stand when we receive requests for the return of the men. Col. Ryerson said that the course for Mr. Carson to pursue would be to apply to his C.O. mentioning the orders from the Adjutant-General.

From the standpoint of the University, at least of the Faculty of Medicine, this is important news, for if the Imperial authorities are going to return all of our students this autumn, it will make great

demands on our teaching facilities, as many of them are eligible to enter the Third Year and so many clinicians are away. I have looked into the matter since receiving this information and find that we have 150 students Overseas, the majority would enter the Second and Third Years. Now if in addition to their return they dribble back for two or three months after College opens, as they did when the Fourth and Fifth Year men returned, it would create an almost impossible situation.

I have written at length of the matter, for I thought it just possible that you might be able to bring the matter to the attention of the Minister of Militia, so that if this ruling has gone forth as it seems, prompt action might be taken with all C.O.'s so that the men might reach Canada in time to enter promptly upon their College Year, otherwise they are a loss to the Army and no gain to the Medical Services. Col. Ryerson appreciates the situation and will do all he can through the D.G.M. Ottawa, but he acknowledges quite readily that it is very difficult to get results.

The Fourth and Fifth Year men returned numbered only about 25 and the task we had arranging special classes for the work they had missed! if, however, the students were here shortly after College opened and could take the regular work of the Session, while the classes would be large, it would not present the difficulties we formerly had to deal with, when students came in during the middle of the Session.

Yours faithfully,

E. A. Jamieson.

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November 6th, 1917.

Sir Robert Falconer,

President, University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President:-

With reference to Mr. Douglas C. Carrie of St. Thomas, he was last in attendance Session 1915-1916 and was a Second Year student. I do not know the date of his enlistment, but understood he left too early in the Session to be granted his year's examination, certainly he made no application. The Faculty's resolution stating that students who attended two trimesters and did satisfactory work up to the time of enlistment would receive their examinations, was posted on all bulletin boards and students who were eligible for this privilege were not backward in applying. Those who did so fyled with the Secretary's Office definite data regarding their work and date of enlistment, but there were others who went earlier in the Session and not being eligible for their examinations just slipped away, leaving no facts in our possession.

I have endeavoured to get the departments to give me the date of his last appearance at his work, but have not been able to find out anything very definite about him. His official standing then, is that he has the First Year completed, has done a certain portion of the Second Year, but not sufficient to give him admission to the Third Year and it is only Third Year students who are being permitted to return, so far as we know from the information received.

Yours faithfully,

E. A. Jamieson pro Secretary.

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November 16th, 1917.

Sir Robert Falconer,

President, University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President:-

Enclosed herewith you will please find duplicate lists of the names of the students registered in Medicine, Session 1917-1918, who are of Military age, also duplicate lists of men of alien birth.

There are two men whose names might be mentioned also, but as they are not registered this Session thought it best to mention the matter and if you thought well, their names might be added; these two men are students of the B. & P. Course, eligible to enter the Third Year in Medicine:-

L. G. Kilborn - Fellow in Physiology,

W. W. Moffatt - Was taken ill with fever which prevented his return at the time of opening of Session, just recovering now, but anxious to proceed with his work in Medicine.

I shewed the communications to Dean Clarke as requested, he then telephoned to Col. Lang, who stated that a general letter should go in to him stating that all these Medical students for whom we are claiming exemption, have gone or are undergoing proper military training - this message was telephoned to Miss Patterson yesterday.

Yours faithfully,

E. A. Jamieson.

pro Secretary.

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January 24th, 1918

Miss Jamieson,

Faculty of Medicine,

Dear Miss Jamieson:

I am sending you a letter which I have just from Mr. McCormack who spoke to me last week about his son. Will you please take a note of it so that if anything is done for students of his class McCormack may have a chance? I should like to have the letter back.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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January 28th,1918.

Sir Robert Falconer,

President, University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President:-

Your communication of the 24th of January duly received and I have made a note of the request of Mr. W.G. McCormack, a student in Medicine on Military Service.

I might point out that at the special Faculty meeting held recently a petition was considered covering the case of two men just returned, Mr. Burns and Mr. Urquhart, who are in exactly the same position as Mr. McCormack and the Faculty Council refused them registration in the present Fourth Year, they would have been allowed to begin work now if they wished to do so, but would be required to enter next autumn and take the full Fourth Year next Session. This would seem to settle definitely that there will be no course in Fourth Year work this coming Summer.

I am returning to you enclosed herewith the letter from Mr. McCormack's father, as requested.

Yours faithfully,

E. A. Jamieson

pro Secretary.

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April 26th, 1918.

Miss A. W. Patterson,
President's Office,
University of Toronto.

Dear Miss Patterson:-

The G.O.C. Military District No.2 has received the following telegram from the Adjutant-General, with reference to the position of Medical, Dental and Veterinary students under the new ruling:-

" Medical, Dental or Veterinary students of second or higher years, coming within the ages described, will be required to report for duty to depot battalions at termination of present academic year. They will be immediately transferred to the C.A.M.C. (or dental or veterinary corps as the case may be) and their services will be utilized until the beginning of the next academic year, whereupon leave will be again granted for the purpose of continuing their courses."

Yours faithfully,

E. R. Jamieson